(e)	Items 1 and 2		7 years.
	,,	3	3 years.
	,,	4	11 years.
(f)	1 and 2	Messrs. Best and Co., Ltd.	
	3	Messrs. Krupp India Trading Co.	
	4	Messrs. Marshall Sons and Co. (India Ltd.)	

The pumps for all these were purchased from Messrs. Worthington Simpson, Limited.

(g) Item No. 4 was replaced with bigger engines as the demand for water increased and it was found insufficient to cope with the increased demand.

Supply of cement — Public Works Department.

306. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of suppliers of cement to the P. W. D. in 1110 and 1111 and the quantity supplied by each and the respective rates;

(b) whether tenders were invited;

(c) if so, the names of the tenderers with their rates?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Please vide statement appended. *(Appendix III.)* No purchase was made in 1111.

(b) No tenders were invited, but quotations were called for.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to (b).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are the present suppliers those who have given the lowest quotations?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not understand the meaning of 'present suppliers'. In all cases where purchase is made, it was through the lowest quotations received.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there a rule that such and such cement should be purchased?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Additional equipments in Nemmara Hospital.

307. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) whether the Chief Medical Officer has agreed with the proposals made by the honorary visitors of Nemmara Hospital in 1111;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether the equipments proposed have been sanctioned;

(c) what things have been supplied;

(d) what action has been taken by the Chief Medical Officer to supply the rest;

(e) when the above will be supplied?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) They have been supplied as far as possible.

(c) A clerk, a servant and one blood pressure apparatus.

(d) and (e) Government will provide for the improvements when funds permit.

Dress allowance—Midwives in Government Hospitals.

308. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether dressing allowance was allowed to the midwives in the Government Hospitals;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, why it has been stopped?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) No.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to subdivision (a).

Nemmara Hospital—appointment of Honorary Surgeon.

309. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government gains any amount by the appointment of the Honorary Surgeon in the Nemmara Hospital;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, how much is gained per mensem;

(c) will the Government be pleased to utilise the amount thus gained for the needs of the above hospital?

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